

Superior Region - West

Road and Trail Bicycling Guide

Western Upper Peninsula Planning & Development Region
 Iron • Gogebic • Houghton • Keweenaw • Ontonagon Counties

Tourist Resources

Western Upper Peninsula Visitor & Convention Bureau
 www.westup.com
 800-522-5657 or (906) 932-4850

Upper Peninsula Travel & Recreation Association
 www.uptravel.com
 800-562-7134 or (906) 774-5480

Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
 www.keweenaw.org
 866-304-5722 or (906) 482-5240

Keweenaw Convention & Visitor Bureau
 www.keweenaw.info
 800-338-7982 or (906) 337-4579

Baraga County Tourist & Recreation Association
 www.baragacountytourism.com
 800-743-4908 or (906) 524-7444

Iron County Chamber of Commerce
 www.iron.org
 (888) TRY-IRON or (906) 265-3822

Ontonagon County Chamber of Commerce
 www.ontonagocmi.com
 (906) 884-4735

Porcupine Mountains Chamber
 www.porcupinemountains.com
 (906) 856-5399

Lake Gogebic Chamber of Commerce
 www.lakegogebicarea.com
 (906) 842-3611

Bessemer Chamber of Commerce
 www.bessemer.net
 (906) 663-4542

Ironwood Chamber of Commerce
 www.ironwoodmi.org
 (906) 932-1122

Watersmeet Chamber of Commerce
 www.watersmeet.org
 (906) 358-9961

Copper Harbor Improvement Association
 www.copperharbor.org
 (906) 289-4267

Ontonagon Village

Road Network

Vehicle Traffic Volume

- Heavy (AADT above 10,000)
- Medium (AADT 2,500 - 10,000)
- Light (AADT under 2,500)

Gravel or other unpaved road
 Minor roads (no surface or volume info)

US Highway Route
 State Highway
 Forest Highway
 County Route
 Forest Service Road

Towns

- No public services
- Some services
- Full service (food, restrooms, & lodging)

Points of Interest

- Peak
- Off-road trail network
- Hospital
- Other points of interest

Recreation Areas

- Park / Public Recreation Area
- Campground
- Picnic facilities
- Drinking water
- Toilets
- Showers
- Swimming beach

Trails

- Paved multi-use trail
- Unpaved multi-use trail
- Trail
- North Country Hiking Trail

Land Cover

- Developed (residential, commercial, industrial)
- Wetlands
- Incorporated City/Village limits
- Water
- Ottawa National Forest
- State or County Forest or other protected lands
- Wilderness Area

Houghton/Hancock to Calumet/Laurium

Bicycle Resources

League of Michigan Bicyclists
 www.lmb.org
 (517) 334-9100

Copper Country Cycling Club
 www.sos.mtu.edu/cycling/

Fat Tire Club
 www.gogebic.org/bike
 (906) 932-5858 (Trk & Trail)

Michigan Mountain Biking Association
 www.mmba.org
 (248) 288-3753

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
 Michigan Field Office
 www.railtrails.org
 (517) 485-6022

Where to Ride

On the Road:
 Bicycles are permitted on all Michigan highways and roads EXCEPT limited access freeways or unless otherwise posted. Bicycles are allowed on all road systems including those in State Forests, State Parks, National Forests, and National Parks.

State Parks:
 Bikes are allowed on all paved and non-paved roads in state parks and recreation areas. Bikes may also be ridden on designated bike paths. Mountain bikes are allowed on trails only if they have been designated for bicycle use. In the Western U.P., Porcupine Mountains Wilderness is the only state park with designated mountain bike trails. For more information, call the individual park or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks Division at (517) 373-5900.

State Forests:
 Bicycles are allowed on most State Forest trails. Contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division at (517) 373-1275 for further information.

Ottawa National Forest:
 Besides wilderness and specifically designated hiker only trails (including the North Country Trail), the entire forest is open to mountain bikes. This includes closed, gated and blocked roads, unless the road is specifically closed to bicycles. Maximum penalties for riding sections not open to biking are a fine of \$5,000 and/or six months imprisonment. Contact the U.S. Forest Service at (906) 932-1330 for more information.

Wilderness Areas:
 Bicycles are considered to be mechanical devices and are therefore prohibited in National Wilderness Areas.

North Country Trail:
 When completed, the North Country Trail will be a 4,000-mile National Scenic Trail stretching from New York to North Dakota. While the entire trail is open to hiking, only portions are open to other non-motorized uses including mountain biking. Contact the North Country Trail Association at 1-888-454-6282 for more information. Bikes are NOT allowed on the NCT in the Ottawa National Forest.

Local Trail Systems:

Rules and regulations vary by each individual trail and community. Contact the appropriate jurisdiction for more information.

Ontonagon Township

Bicycle Safety

Be predictable and act like a vehicle
 Bicyclists on public roadways have the same rights and responsibilities as automobile drivers, and are subject to the same state laws and ordinances.

Always wear an approved helmet
 Always have your helmet fitted and adjusted properly. Helmets should fit snugly so that they do not move around while riding.

Ride with traffic
 Motorists are not looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. State law requires that cyclists ride with the flow of traffic.

Use hand signals
 Hand signals tell pedestrians and motorists what you intend to do. It is state law that you use signals.

Watch for cars pulling out
 Always assume that motorists do not see you. Make eye contact with the driver to assess your safety before proceeding in front of a vehicle.

Wear appropriate clothing
 Wear light, bright and/or reflective clothing at all times to improve your visibility. Dress in layers and bring gear for unforeseen changes in weather.

Use lights at night
 State law requires a front white light visible for 500 ft and a red reflector visible for 600 ft at night. More reflectors and stronger lights make you more visible.

Be courteous and respectful on trails
 Show courtesy to all trail users. Adhere to trail hours and restrictions. Respect the rights of property owners.

Always yield to other, slower trail users
 Always assume that motorists do not see you. Make eye contact with the driver to assess your safety before proceeding in front of a vehicle.

Ride as far to the right as practical
 Form a single file line when other users are present. Slower trail users should stay to the right.

Copper Harbor Area

Baraga/L'Anse Area

Map Information

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To order additional maps, please visit the Michigan Department of Transportation website at:
 www.michigan.gov/mdot/

Follow the Projects and Programs link to the Non-Motorized Program site. Order forms and information are available through a link under the Biking in Michigan heading.

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Trail Descriptions

TRAILS	COUNTY	LENGTH	TYPE	OWNERSHIP	USES
Agonikak Trail	Baraga	11 miles	old road bed	U.S. Forest Service	Non-motorized
Baraga Plains Trail	Houghton/Ontonagon	28 miles	old railroad bed	Michigan DNR	Multi-Use
Bill Nicholls Trail	Houghton/Ontonagon	37 miles	old railroad bed	Michigan DNR	Multi-Use
Crystal Falls to Iron River Trail	Iron	25 miles	old railroad bed	Iron County	Multi-Use
Crystal Falls to Stager Trail	Iron	11 miles	old railroad bed	Michigan DNR	Multi-Use
Iron River - Marensico Trail	Gogebic/Iron	67 miles	old railroad bed	Michigan DNR	Multi-Use
Jack Stevens Trail	Houghton	14 miles	old railroad bed	Michigan DNR	Multi-Use
State Line Trail	Iron	20 miles	old railroad bed	Michigan DNR	Multi-Use

OFF-ROAD TRAIL NETWORKS	COUNTY	LENGTH	TYPE	OWNERSHIP	USES
Powers Trail System	Gogebic	20 miles	single track, two track, gravel roads	Gogebic County Forestry & Parks	Non-motorized
Copper Harbor Trail System	Keweenaw	15 miles	single track, two track, gravel roads	Non-motorized	Non-motorized
Michigan Tech Trail System	Houghton	18 miles	single track, wide ski trails	Michigan Technological University	Non-motorized
Chassell Ski Trails	Houghton	7 miles	single track	private trails	Non-motorized
Sweetwood Ski Trails	Houghton	12 miles	single track, wide ski trails	Non-motorized	Non-motorized
Churning Rapids	Houghton	12 miles	single track, two track, gravel roads	private trails	Non-motorized

Please check locally or at trailheads for information on conditions, use, and fees or to obtain maps.

Baraga/L'Anse Area